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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: ABBOTT SPINE

Application No./Patent No.: See Attachment A Filed/Issue Date: See Attachment A

Entitled: See Attachment A

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(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

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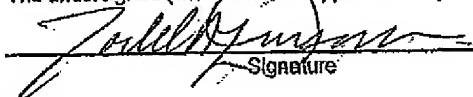
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☐ As required by 37 CFR 3.73(b)(1)(i), the documentary evidence of the chain of title from the original owner to the assignee was, or concurrently is being, submitted for recordation pursuant to 37 CFR 3.11.

[NOTE: A separate copy (i.e., a true copy of the original assignment document(s)) must be submitted to Assignment Division in accordance with 37 CFR Part 3, to record the assignment in the records of the USPTO. See MPEP 302.08]

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.


Signature

Todd Dawson

Printed or Typed Name

Vice President, Global Intellectual Property, Zimmer, Inc.
signing on behalf of wholly owned subsidiary Abbott Spine

Title

11/24/08
Date
(574) 372-4281
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, BRUCE M. FRANKEL and SCOTT D. KOYSH, hereinafter called the "Assignors", have made the invention described in the United States patent application entitled FENESTRATED BONE TAP AND METHOD that has a U.S. Patent Application Serial Number of 10/717,379 and was filed on November 19, 2003;

WHEREAS, Spinal Concepts, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Abbott Laboratories, with a principal office at 5301 Riata Park Court, Bldg. F, Austin, Texas 78727, hereinafter called the "Assignee", desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and to the patent application identified above, and all patents, foreign and domestic, which may be obtained for said invention, as set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other valuable and legally sufficient consideration, the receipt of which by the Assignors from the Assignee is hereby acknowledged, the Assignors have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer to the Assignee, the entire right, title and interest for the United States and elsewhere in and to the invention and the patent application identified above, and any patents that may issue for said invention in the United States and elsewhere; together with the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and all patent applications, patents, utility models and designs therefor in all countries foreign to the United States, including the full right to claim for any such application all benefits and priority rights under any applicable convention; together with the entire right, title and interest in and to all continuations, divisions, renewals and extensions of any of the patent applications, patents, utility models and designs defined above; to have and to hold for sole and exclusive use and benefit of the Assignee, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for all such patents.

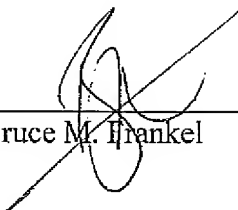
The Assignors hereby covenant and agree, for both the Assignors and the Assignors' legal representative, that Assignors have the full right to convey the interest assigned by this Assignment; and that the Assignors will assist the Assignee in the prosecution of the patent applications identified above, in the making and prosecution of any other applications that the Assignee may elect to make covering the invention identified above, in vesting in the Assignee like exclusive title in and to all such other patent applications and patents, in the prosecution of

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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized and requested to issue patents to the Assignee in accordance with the terms of this Assignment.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Assignors have executed this agreement.


DATED April 28, 2004



Bruce M. Frankel

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
)ss.
COUNTY OF Shelby)

Before me this 28th day of April, 2004, Bruce M. Frankel, personally appeared, to me known to be the person who is described in, and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein expressed.



Notary Public, State of Tennessee
my commission expires: August 3, 2005

DATED: _____

Scott D. Koysh

STATE OF TEXAS)
)ss.
COUNTY OF Travis)

Before me this ____ day of _____, 2004, Scott D. Koysh, personally appeared, to me known to be the person who is described in, and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein expressed.

Notary Public, State of Texas
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STATE OF TENNESSEE)
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COUNTY OF _____)

Before me this ____ day of _____, 2004, Bruce M. Frankel, personally appeared, to me known to be the person who is described in, and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein expressed.

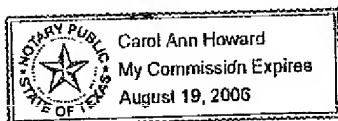
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DATED: 03/25/04

Scott D. Koysh
Scott D. Koysh

STATE OF TEXAS)
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COUNTY OF Travis)

Before me this 25th day of March, 2004, Scott D. Koysh, personally appeared, to me known to be the person who is described in, and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein expressed.



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ASSIGNOR:

KOYSH, SCOTT D.

DOC DATE: 03/25/2004

ASSIGNEE:

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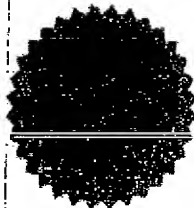
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